Principal’s Note

A big welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a nice break and some good family time.

Congratulations to Jeremy and Rosie on their wedding at Horseshoe Bay during the holidays.

Welcome to Delia Koelman, a MISS alumna, who now joins us as our Year 2 Teacher.

What a lovely way to start the term with the Queensland Youth Orchestra Big Band visit. We were one of just three Townsville schools that they visited and our own band got to perform two numbers with them—a very special privilege and experience.

At the end of the week we hosted children from both Palm Island schools. Our students joined them for some wonderful sports competitions, followed by a BBQ for a hundred hungry players.

This term we have some important events happening. They include NAIDOC celebrations with inspiring artist Arthur Conlon, competing at the Inter-school Athletics in town and embracing Book Week with a dress up parade and readings from author Ian McIntosh. On the last weekend of term, our most important fund raising activity will be held—the School Fete.

Have a lovely term everyone!

Jo Sinclair-Jones

Queensland Youth Orchestra workshop & performance
Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Every week students are explicitly taught a behaviour expectation from our ‘Behaviour Matrix’ (find it in the Covered Play Area). Gotchas are given specifically targeting this behaviour.

This week’s behaviour is:

**Respect Others Right to Learn**

Our photo shows Gotcha Girl taking a selfie with some of our winning students enjoying the end of term 2 Beach Party.

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### Gold & Silver Awards

**Gold & silver awards for Term 2, Week 10:**

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**PE Awards** went to Kobi and Eve.

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**Gold & silver awards for Term 3, Week 1:**

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**PE Awards** went to Zachary and Maya. **Stanley** went to Prep.
Prep News

It has been a busy start to the new semester with quite a few changes in our daily routine and the Prep classroom. We have introduced daily homework this week. The purple Practice Booklet needs to come to school each day with readers and sight word practice sheets for review each morning. In LEM phonics we have started learning our multiple phonograms but will continue to practise the single phonograms to ensure we retain these.

**English:** This term the focus is on rhyming. Children will be writing and presenting their own short poem and reflect on their peer’s poetry.

**Maths:** Assessment for unit 3 is based on data collection and recalling the days of the week and events. We have started Wednesday maths groups but we rely on parent volunteers. If you are able to help out from 8:30-9:30 weekly or even occasionally, please let me know.

**Science:** Weather Watch is the unit being studied during term 3. We have been tracking our daily weather and looking at how it affects how we behave. We have a weather station set up that we have been checking - still no rain.

**Geography:** Our new unit is Special Places. We will be linking Geography with Art this term and will be creating our own special place. We will be creating a special garden area that will allow the children to visit and enjoy the space. A theme of books and well known stories will be set up in the garden space in front of the Prep classroom on Mandalay Avenue. We will be working as a class on this project on Friday afternoons from 1:45 and would welcome any helpers who can assist in any way with this exciting project.

Parent/Teacher interview booking sheets have been sent home with the nominated interview times. I shall look forward to meeting with you all soon.

Julia Shafer

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Year 2 News

Our Term has started excellently, and the students are adjusting well to any changes in routine they may have experienced. Week 1 was exciting as we started our English Unit about procedural texts by reading *George's Marvellous Medicine*, by Roald Dahl. The Year 2 students created some excellent character descriptions for the two main characters – Grandma and George:

“George may look small, but he is very intelligent. He is also eight years old. Grandma is the grouchiest, most miserable little ball of bossiness! She has tiny little lips which are wrinkled like a dog’s bottom.” – Izzy Bee

“George is terrified of his witchy, wicked Grandma. She is ridiculous; she eats cabbage with slugs on!” – Hana

Ask your child about their own marvellous medicine that they created (on paper) on Friday.

We have also started our Science unit on *Living Things* and there will be some new, living additions to our classroom later this week.

**Homework** will start this week (due Friday of each week), and **home readers** will return to a regular, nightly routine. Please remind your child to bring their reader each day, and to read to you each night. Parents are most welcome (and needed) to assist in the changing of readers each morning between 8:25 and 8:45.

The table below outlines the topic for each subject area for the first half of this term.

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Delia Koelman
**Year 1 News**

Welcome back to Term 3. We have begun our new units for the term. In English we are examining human characteristics of animal characters, and finding the message to the reader in the stories. Our focus in Maths is measuring. We are also practising counting in fives. The Science unit is titled *Changes Around Us* and examines changes such as day and night, and the seasons.

Parent–teacher interviews will be held in coming weeks. Watch out for information about these.

We are continuing with parent help for home readers on Thursdays and Fridays – all welcome. Thank you to those who have already helped this term.

Jo T

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**Year 3/4 News**

*Welcome back to Term 3!*

**English** Unit 5 - Examining traditional stories. This term the Year 3/4 students will be reading and analysing a variety of traditional stories in the lead up to writing their own traditional story.

**Science** Unit 5 – Rockin’ the Earth and sky. In Science this term the Year 3 students will explore Earth, including night and day, sunrise and sunset, and shadows. Year 4 students will be learning about the Earth’s surface. They will plan, conduct and report on an investigation of the erosion process.

**Maths** Unit 5 –

Year 3 students’ focus for this term is money and multiplication. In the money unit students will be learning about collections of money needed to purchase items (using the smallest amount of coins and notes) and how to give correct change. We will then move onto multiplying by 2, 10, 3 and 5.

Year 4 are focusing on rounding, all multiplication facts, problem solving with money and place value up to 10,000.

**History** Unit 2 - Exploring change and development over time, focusing on the past, present and future.

**Oztag and Netball Carnival** – We were fortunate enough to have students from Palm Island, both Bwgcoluman State School and Saint Michael’s Catholic School, come over on Friday to compete in an oztag and netball carnival with the Year 4, 5 and 6 students. A great day was had by all.

Kerri-Anne McAtee & Jeremy Pullen
MY GOLF PROGRAM

This Australian junior golf program, run in conjunction with the PGA and Magnetic Island Golf & Country Club, was a great success last term so it will continue in Term 3. It is open to children aged 8 to 12 and runs on a Monday afternoon for eight weeks.

The process to register is the same as last time. Parents need to go online to mygolf.org.au, select the Magnetic Island program where they register and pay.

Classes start at 3pm at the Picnic Bay golf course and finish at 4.30pm. Transportation of students is the parent’s responsibility.

New students are encouraged to join the program, the cost is $27.50. Students from last term are also encouraged to re-join, the cost is $7.00. Fee reductions apply for the second and third child. The first lesson will be on Monday 27th July.

Year 5/6 News

Everyone has adjusted well to our new classroom layout and Year 5/6 have all engaged quickly with our new topics. We welcome Jamie Mohr who has joined us in Year 5.

This term our first English unit is the challenge to write ‘A letter to the Future’ revealing what life is like today to someone living in 2059. You may have done this yourself when you were at school, and it would be great if you could share about this and any other details about what life was like for a child in the past. This will help children to decide what to highlight in their own letter. The second unit will be about Poetry.

Science work will focus on Space Exploration, so it is timely that there is plenty of information in the press about the New Horizons Pluto mission. In Maths we will explore a range a concepts starting with work on decimals and percentages. Conversations at home about sales discounts will help link this to the real world.

Peer Support starts this week on Thursday and we know the children are very excited having worked hard to prepare during our the leadership training activities including last term’s camp.

We need all children to check they have the right equipment including lead pencils, new scrap books and A4 exercise books for Spelling and English. Ask your child what they need because that helps them to take responsibility for their own equipment.

Parent interviews will be held next week to discuss report cards, so contact the office to book your time for after school on Monday or Wednesday.

Have a good week,

Martin Hammelswang & Sharon Jupp
AFTER SCHOOL CARE 0429 305 192

After school care has resumed and we are excited to welcome some new families to the program. Sustainability of the after school care service is dependent on usage by local families. If you are interested in more information about enrolling your child/ren in the program, please call or text 0429 305 192. Care is provided Monday- Friday 2.30 – 6.00 pm. During this time children engage in recreational play activities indoors and outdoors. Activities encourage opportunities to rest, relax, be physically active, socialise and interact with different creative media. Children can also be supported in completing homework and reading activities. A healthy afternoon tea is provided and shared as a group. The program is delivered in the large room linked to the Year 1 veranda. Separate paces within the indoor space provide opportunity to work independently, play in small groups and mix in larger groups.

The service also provides a vacation care program during school holidays which operates from 7.30 - 6.00 bookings are essential. This last Vacation Care had great numbers and children and staff participated in some fun days on site excursions to the mainland and around the island.

As part of celebrating NAIDOC week we have been reading picture books by Indigenous authors and illustrators. Last week children received a copy of the dreamtime legend of HOW THE BIRD’S GOT THEIR COLOURS to keep and read at home (courtesy of Let’s Read). This has prompted discussion on other dream time stories and inspired children’s art work.

This term we are working on building communication and information exchange on children’s day at school and how this transfers into the after school program. We are working with school staff to include consistent messages around promoting positive behaviours that are respectful and inclusive of all children that use the service.

Children are enjoying junk construction so any recycled materials are gratefully accepted eg cereal boxes, food wrap cylinders (no toilet rolls please), old wrapping paper, birthday cards etc. We also welcome donations of other household bits and bobs that will extend children’s dramatic play eg dress ups, blankets or throws, baskets, old kitchen ware (teapots, tea sets).

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM Term 3

Sponsored by the Australian Sports Commission, the Sporting Schools program allows us to run healthy activities for all students at no charge. This term students can become involved in:

**Lawn Bowls**  
**Wednesdays**  
**All Ages**

Students will enjoy a healthy afternoon tea in the undercover area before catching a bus to Arcadia. At the MI Bowls Club, members will teach the children the fundamentals of the sport, as well as having some fun and exercise. The activity finishes at 4pm. Students will need to be picked up from Arcadia.

**Rugby League**  
**Thursdays**  
**Years 3—6**

Following a healthy afternoon tea, students will develop rugby skills through fun, game-like activities rather than through traditional skills and drills. Students hoping to compete in the Obe Geia challenge are encouraged to attend this activity. Students will need to be picked up from the oval at 3.45pm.

Help is needed with the preparation of Afternoon Tea. If you are able to assist, please call me on 0448 211 890.

Sharrie Corcoran, Sporting Schools Co-ordinator
SCHOOL FOOD GARDEN

We would like to have the School Veggie Garden open EVERY lunchtime from 1-1.40pm. That way as many children as possible have the chance to plant, sow, weed and learn through gardening. To achieve this, we need parent and community volunteers. You don’t need any gardening knowledge, just turn up on your chosen day happy to get your hands a little bit dirty! Sign up NOW on the poster in the undercover area for a day that suits you. For more information please speak directly to Mrs Jupp in the 5/6 class after school or text/call her on 0439 777553.

SCHOOL FETE 2015

This year our biennial Fete will be held on Saturday 12th September. The goal is to raise much needed funds for the purchase of new resources for the school eg books and computers. As a community we need to work together to make this happen, so we ask you to jump on board and assist us with a little of your time. We need volunteers to man some of the stalls on the day and also to help us along the way. If you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Jody McLaughlin 0421 571 052  jodesonmag77@bigpond.com
Christal Ollier 0459 845 030  christalollier@y7mail.com

Also this year we will be giving each student a ‘reward card’. Each time they bring something to help with the Fete, they get a stamp. For example if they bring to school a plant for the garden stall, they receive a stamp. The reward card will be entered into a draw to win an awesome prize for their whole family. Stay tuned!

If you can assist we would love to hear from you.

Jody & Christal
2015 Fete Co-ordinators
Arthur Conlon — Coming to our school on Friday 31st July

“I was born in Cherbourg, South East Queensland and established a business in 1990 as an Aboriginal artist. I am one of 14 children and a member of a much larger extended family. I started painting from the age of nine by studying the skills of my Uncles. I completed year 12 at Murgon SHS, was a teacher aide for 3 years, joined the army for ten years, now I am a successful and self-employed artist. I have business interests in wholesaling to shops throughout Australia and Internationally. I also design for different companies in fabric and clothing. My main talent lies in teaching Aboriginal Art in schools.”

C&K Early Childhood Centre

During the holidays, vacancies available for Prep aged children on Thursdays & Fridays. Vacancies available for children over two years in the childcare program, Thursdays and Fridays 8am—5pm.

Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.

We also need books for our Bookfest fund raiser. You can drop off your donations at C&K MAGNETIC ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE, 25 NELLY BAY ROAD, NELLY BAY

Any Enquiries – please contact Lana on 47581168.

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